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Dear Dave

I had a long talk with Cook yesterday and begged him to keep you well supplied.

Time was when I could feel a letter almost as fast as count the lines; now, with every thing to do and doing round me, I can at a loss to say anything. I sent you a hasty scrawl by a Boston ship the other day. I shall settle at Milton, God willing, in spite of present ill feelings and warlike disposition, and pray that the favorable circumstances under which I take the post may have due influence to make me capable of its duties. Sister & her children have met me here, look very well.

Great anxiety greets the arrival of every steamer from Europe. It is impossible to predict the action of the Convention in Paris. Their vast increase of an army is explained if we believe their assertion of some, that it is to be employed, accord to Fourierite principles, upon great national works & labors of common & general utility. What a grand experiment! God give success! We live in great times. A new order of things is at hand I trust and the splendid theories of Fourier to be at length tested by wholesale application to the wants & woes of one vast, wretched people. - England watches it with deep & death interest. The revolution in Austria puts a brighter face on the whole Cataclysm than it has yet worn; the Circle is unbroken & the Current irresistible, every thing will melt & ~~be~~ that



which is most refractory & made to  
scintillate, shal like the dust of a sun, through  
the air.

I know of nothing personally interesting  
to you. Prof. Jewett of Brown, has gone  
to Washington as lec. to <sup>the</sup> Smithsonian.  
Our own politics are exceeddly barren of  
interest. Europe engrosses all attention.

Very affectionately

James Peter.

Address me, when you write, thus:

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I have taken a fancy to drop the junior  
syrillid of my first name about  
the same time.



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